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EXDIS FOR STERNER WITH AMBASSADOR ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS

SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT FOR SHUTTLE

REF: (A) DIA 182103Z JULY 78, (B) LONDON 11303

1. WE ARE STILL PROCEEDING TO TRY TO WORK OUT T-39 PROPOSAL, BUT DO NOT HAVE IT NAILED DOWN YET. DUE TO LIMITED LUGGAGE CAPACITY IN REGULAR T-39, ONLY FEASIBLE OPTION MAY BE ONE OF FEW NAVY "STRETCH T-39'S" IN SIGONELLA, AVAILABILITY OF WHICH IS UNCERTAIN.

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2. PENDING CONFIRMATION OF ADEQUATE T-39 SUPPORT, WE ARE KEEPING OPTION OF C-12 OPEN AND USAF IS ACCORDINGLY PROCEEDING WITH CONTINGENCY PLANNING REFLECTED REF (A).

3. OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DIPLOMATIC OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCES REQUIRED INDICATING SOME DEPARTURE TIMES. PRESUME 900 HOURS DEPARTURES CITED REF (A) ARE SATISFACTORY.

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4. WILL ADVISE CURRENT AIRCRAFT STATUS WEDNESDAY A.M. OUR TIME TAKING ACCOUNT OF PARA 4, REF (B).

5. ANOTHER THOUGHT: WE ARE REPEATING KUWAIT 03936, 04040, 04038 THAT INDICATE WE NEED TO PAY SOME PRIORITY ATTENTION TO GOK RE U.S. POLICIES IN LEBANON, AID TO EGYPT AND MIDEAST PEACE PROCESS. GIVEN TIME AVAILABLE DUE TO CHANGE IN SCHEDULED ARRIVAL TEL AVIV, WOULD AMBASSADOR ATHERTON BE WILLING TO STOP IN KUWAIT IF ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE? CHRISTOPHER

TAGS: OVIP (ATHERTON, AMBASSADOR)

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